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San Francisco Bay Native Oyster Restoration Community Kick-Off Event

Please join NOAA and other Bay partners for an oyster kick-off event that will showcase native oyster restoration in San Francisco Bay.

NOAA, the Marin Rod and Gun Club, and Coastal America will host a San Francisco Bay Native Oyster Community Restoration event that will allow the media, congressional representatives and resource agencies from around the bay to witness and learn about native oyster restoration. Volunteers will demonstrate the techniques used in reviving the native oyster population and describe the critical habitat they provide and how they help improve water quality for marine and estuarine species.

WHAT: San Francisco Bay Native Oyster Restoration Event

WHEN: July 25, 2005

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m

WHERE: Marin Rod and Gun Club, San Rafael Bay, Marin County (see

attached directions and map)

Editors: Beginning at 9:45 a.m – 11:00, officials will give a brief overview of the restoration projects. Media are invited to witness the oyster pallet and oyster string activities which will provide excellent opportunities for interviews, video footage and photographs (see attached agenda).